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SUBJECT:RHODESIA: BRIEFING OF HOST GOVERNMENTS

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- 1. DEPARTMENT CALLS ATTENTION OF ALL AF POSTS AND EMBASSIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES, IN WHICH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS, TO ARTICLE IN REFTEL WHICH OUTLINES CURRENT STATUS OF RHODESIAN NEGOTIATIONS.
- 2. AT POSTS' DISCRETION, DETAILS OF CFR ARTICLE MAY BE DRAWN UPON IN BRIEFING HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

 OBVIOUSLY, MAJOR POINT WE WISH TO CONVEY IS THAT WE AND BRITISH MAINTAIN OUR STRONG INTEREST IN BRINGING ABOUT A NEGOTIATED, PEACEFUL AND INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA. WE BELIEVE A MEETING OF ALL OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE PARTIES IS THE MOST LOGICAL WAY OF PROMOTING SUCH A SETTLEMENT, AND OUR EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION WILL CONTINUE.

3. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT OFFICIALS IN AFRICAN STATES, WHO MIGHT DEPEND ON OTHER, LESS RELIABLE SOURCES FOR INFORMATION, BE BRIEFED ON THE STATUS OF RHODESIAN DEVELOPMENTS. THIS IS

ESPECIALLY THE CASE IN THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE
EXPRESSED INTEREST IN A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT THAT WOULD
PREVENT A FURTHER INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE WAR
THROUGH GREATER CUBAN AND SOVIET INVOLVEMENT. VANCE

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